

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 27

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 57—Relative to the Robert M. Jackson Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 57, Cox. Robert M. Jackson Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a section of State Highway Route 89 in Alpine County as the Robert M. Jackson Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs designating that specified section of State Highway Route 89 and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate signs.

WHEREAS, Robert M. Jackson was born in Sacramento, California, on September 21, 1912. His family moved to Markleeville in Alpine County when he was two weeks old and remained there until 1924 when they moved to Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, Robert M. Jackson returned every summer to Alpine County to work at the historic Alpine Hotel; and

WHEREAS, In 1942 Robert M. Jackson enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps. He was stationed in Texas, Brazil, and finally in the Ascension Islands. After being discharged in 1945, he returned to Markleeville where he built the home he lived in for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, In October 1946, Robert M. Jackson began work with the Alpine County Public Works Department, where he spent more than 30 years surveying, engineering, constructing, and realigning many of the county and state highway routes of today; and

WHEREAS, Robert M. Jackson's most significant accomplishment was the completion of State Highway Route 89 over Monitor Pass in the early 1950's. This 18-mile span traverses both Alpine and Mono Counties; and

WHEREAS, State Highway Route 89 over Monitor Pass is a mountainous state highway reaching elevations in excess of 8500 feet. The original road grade was crooked and steep, as much as 17% in some places. The majority of the survey work done by Robert M. Jackson was on horseback. Alpine County and the Department of Transportation cooperated for 7 years to complete the project, which was dedicated on September 12, 1954; and

WHEREAS, Robert M. Jackson retired from Alpine County in 1973, after 27 years of service. He remained in Alpine County until his death on May 12, 2004; and

WHEREAS, It is a fitting tribute to the legacy of a dedicated public servant that a portion of his most significant accomplishment be designated in his name; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the portion of State Highway Route 89 from the Alpine/Mono County line to the junction of State Highway Route 89 and State Highway Route 4 be designated the Robert M. Jackson Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.